

# Deslin Neek

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Thank-you to those who submitted articles and photos for this issue of the Neek.



*3 on 3 Hockey day!  
Thank you Recreation for  
putting this event on!  
Youth and adults had a blast!*



Teslin Tlingit Council





*Nation to Nation!  
Dakh Ka !!  
February 1st,  
2021  
at the  
Teslin Tlingit  
Heritage Centre  
Executive mem-  
ber, Duane -  
joined from  
Ontario!*

## Message from Naa Shaade Hani

Máa sá iyatee,

On behalf of the Executive Council and our Deputy Naa Shaade Hani we offer our greetings and well wishes for our new year 2021.

We take this time to offer up our prayers and heartfelt condolences to our Kukhittan Clan for the loss of beloved Elder Lena Slang. Her love, kindness and generosity is and always will be remembered. We hope the very best for the family and dear friends.

We also take the time to acknowledge the passing of Carcross- Tagish First Nation Elder Art Johns. He will be remembered for his tireless work for the conservation of wildlife and protection of habitat, and the beautiful gift of his music that touched all our hearts.

The Covid-19 Vaccine was bought to Teslin on January 25th and the turnout of our community members to be vaccinated was great. The vaccine clinic was set up at the Teslin Recreation

Complex and the vaccination team was very accommodating. Much gratitude and appreciation to those that help to make this day a success.

The vaccination rollout for receiving the second vaccination is scheduled for March 1st, 2021. The vaccine clinic will be setup at Tom Dewhurst Recreation Centre, (referred to as Teslin Recreation Complex) for 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Those that have not received the vaccination and would like to, you will be able to get vaccinated and you will have to go to Whitehorse to receive the second vaccine. The vaccination is available for those 18 years of age and older.

We urge you to continue to practice the Safe 6 and always wear a mask in indoor public areas/ spaces. Please keep your contacts to a minimum and keep your circles small. We must continue to reduce the risk and be vigilant.

Executive Council had a meeting with our brothers and sisters of Taku River Tlingit First Nation and Carcross – Tagish First Nation to begin to develop plan for working together and the result of our work together was to focus on five areas. These areas will be Boundaries, Legislation, Language/ Culture, Economics, and Resources. Our goal is to have the work-plan developed within three months and be in position to implement it as soon as possible following that timeframe.

A Nation Rebuilding Virtual Community Engagement Event is planned for February 24th, 2021. More details will be provided as we near the event and for further information please contact Line Gagnon, at [line@calypsocommunications.ca](mailto:line@calypsocommunications.ca) or [admin@guntabusines.com](mailto:admin@guntabusines.com) for further information. This is an opportunity created by Teslin Tlingit Council, Carcross- Tagish First Nation, and the Taku River Tlingit First Nation.



*Naa Shaade Hani and Deputy Naa Shaade Hani receive their first dose of Moderna Vaccine on January 25th!*

*Turn to page 15 to learn more about the Covid-19 vaccine.*



Our TTC Government continues its collaboration and work with all our Governing Partners, and we are grateful for the work of our Teslin Tlingit Council staff members for the support on the various files related to the ongoing work we are doing. As we come to the end of this fiscal year of operations and reflect on some the work that has been done we acknowledge the TTC staff members for what they have been able to accomplish. Planning and preparing for the work for the in the new fiscal year will be exciting and challenging at the same time. We will continue to implement elements of our TTC Strategic Plan- 2018-2023 through-

out the work of our departments and within our Tlingit Nation. The values identified in the plan are critical for all that we do each and every day. The values in the plan are as follows; Trust and accountability, Love and leadership, Integrity, Nurturing our children, youth, Elders, and families, Guidance for our nation, Innovation, Teamwork and camaraderie.

Strengthening our clans is a key part of the strategy and we will support the work and effort in this area. Support for our citizens is critical to strengthening all aspects of our clans and this will remain a priority for all that we do now and well into the future.

We encourage and express our gratitude for the work of all of our citizens, and we will strive to incorporate the Vision of our Strategic Plan - "A healthy respectful, united Inland Tlingit Nation- Part of the Land, Part of the Water, being of one spirit, thinking with one mind, as one people"

Naa Sháade Háni - Eric

"It's not what you have; it's what you do with what you have."



## Get to know the TTC Deputy Naa Shaade Hani

Alex Oakley is a member of the Deshitaan clan of the Teslin Tlingit.

Alex has been a representative on executive council for Deshitaan since November 2006. He has learned a lot in the years of being a representative for his clan. Alex has grown both personally and professionally in this role. He takes this role very serious because of the dedications and hard work that went into getting Teslin Tlingit council a self-governing first nation.

Alex's mother's name is Maryjane Jackson and father's name is Livingston Johnston. He is the older of two children. He is married

and have four children and one granddaughter. Alex has lived in Teslin most of his life. Like his children, he attended Teslin elementary school (Khàtinàs.àxh Community School), and attend high school in Whitehorse like many other students.

Alex's favorite things is to be out on the land, Teslin Lake and other bodies of water in our beautiful traditional territory. He values the land that he walks upon and the water he drinks! Alex enjoys fishing and hunting. He loves to try to get out on the land as much as he can. Preserving our right and heritage that our ancestors have left in our care for future generations.

*"I look forward to serving my nation to my full capacity as deputy Na Shade Hani of the Deslin Kwan. I also look forward to working with Na Shade Hani Eric Morris and executive and all of Teslin Tlingit council Governing bodies. Please feel free to contact me for any question or concerns you have."*

*"I do not work for Teslin Tlingit council alone, I work for the Teslin Tlingit Nation and all its entities for the betterment of future generations."*

*Gunatchîsh Yigooiyax'wan*

*Yanshuxá - Alex Oakley*

# BC Treaty Negotiations update

## Treaty related issues

On January 21-22, 2021 the TTC and Carcross/Tagish First Nation (C/TFN) negotiating teams met with the provincial & federal teams for a main table meeting. The agenda was centered around the implementation of the Land Related Proposal tabled on November 26, 2019 which stated;

Until our treaties are brought into legal force, we propose the establishment of interim treaty arrangements and/or measures, based upon collaboration amongst the First Nations, Canada and the Province, to ensure that our Aboriginal rights and titles are protected. These interim measures will include the following;

- Withdrawal of the entire areas of our traditional territories from any uses or dispositions, unless otherwise consented to by the affected First Nation.
- Establishment of a joint process to collaboratively manage and administer the lands and resources of our traditional territories, including approval of dispositions, licenses and permits for access and use and development.
- Provision of a clear direction and resources needed to develop an innovative and collectively acceptable mandate for treaty negotiations.
- Immediate action to address the unsustainable hunting pressures in Northern BC, including the portion of the TTC's traditional territory located in BC.

To this end a Game Guardian agreement was identified as an immediate priority for the BC portion of our Traditional Territory. The Lands, Resources and Heritage department submitted to the BC government a proposal based on our Yukon experience. A technical working group was established to bring this agreement into realization. We continue to target implementation in time for this upcoming field season.

The TTC/C/TFN Caucus will identify and prioritize the issues for negotiation and implementation under the provincial Strategic Decision-Making Agreement (SDMA) on a local and regional basis. (This initiative is currently being developed)

The Lands, Resources and Heritage team have submitted a Land Use Planning (LUP) proposal that will enable TTC to hire a land use planner to begin the implementation of a staged approach to a LUP and land retention issues.

(Notification expected in March).

We have also submitted a proposal to the federal government to create a process for discussion around water: its use, rate of flow, management and ownership. This discussion will work in conjunction with a C/TFN proposal focusing on a legislative or law-based approach to watershed management within our Traditional Territories.

(Notification expected in March)

## TTC Caucus

A community meeting was held on January 12, 2021, which served to strengthen TTC's caucus. Going forward we will be scheduling both caucus and public meetings and posting on the TTC website.

## BC Summit participation

We continue to work closely with the First Nations Summit by sharing political strategies and working on common issues.

## Budget

A budget and tripartite work plan for 2021-2022 has been submitted to the BC Treaty Commission for their review.

## Schedule

The next Main Table negotiation session is on March 11-12. All sessions are held via Zoom. If folks would like more information on how they may participate please send Dorothy Cooley an email at [Dorothy.cooley@ttc-teslin.com](mailto:Dorothy.cooley@ttc-teslin.com) or Dave Keenan at [yesenk07@gmail.com](mailto:yesenk07@gmail.com)

## Dakhka Nation

On February 1st, 2021, the Executive Council of the Teslin Tlingit Council hosted a meeting with the 2 other Tlingit Nations, Carcross/Tagish First Nation and Taku River Tlingit First Nation leaders. We came together to discuss and resolve how we will approach Rebuilding our Dakhka Nation.

# Lands Management Committee (LMC)

The Executive Council from the three First Nations have been working to formally bring all three First Nations together, as one nation, one voice, the Dakhka Inland Tlingit Nation.

At our meeting, we reaffirmed the importance of our Dakhka Mission Statement which is to reunite for all time the Dakhka as one self-reliant and self-governing Nation based on healthy Citizens who believe and practice a strong cultural identity, which will ensure protection and the wellness of our future generations, the land, the water and our environment.

The Dakhka Nation respective leaders also endorsed the collaboration to develop a work plan within three months that identifies responsibilities, required resources and specifically focused on these areas:

- Wildlife
- Boundaries
- Economic Development
- Language and Culture and Legislation

This is the continuation of our journey together. The leadership recognise that it is key to hear from Citizens about how we can work together as a Nation. That is why the 3 Tlingit Nations will be engaging their Citizens to talk about how we can work together for the betterment of our respective Nations.

On Wednesday February 24, 2021, we, the 3 Tlingit First Nations, are holding a Nation Rebuilding Community Engagement Event for all Citizens. PLEASE SAVE THE DATE AND PARTICIPATE! We want to hear from you!

## NEW TEMPORARY WORK CAMP TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS



The former Yukon River Timber (YRT) site was selected for a temporary work camp to support major community projects until 2026, including the Nisutlin Bridge Replacement and TTC Community Services Building. Hosting this camp on TTC Settlement Lands is a pathway to increase opportunities and benefits to our nation and community.

To minimize environmental and community impacts, the already developed YRT industrial site will be slightly expanded to temporarily house workers, store equipment and bridge parts (i.e. Laydown), and setup a concrete plant. Clearing and grading work opportunities will be upcoming in 2021, along with employment opportunities and provision of service contracts led by Deslin Development Corporation (DDC). This site selection was based on community consultation, TTC Government meetings, and recommendation of the TTC Lands Management Committee.



● If you have any questions or comments please submit them by March 17, 2021 to **Marianne Morris**, TTC Community Liaison Communication Officer - Major Projects.  
EMAIL: [marianne.morris@ttc-teslin.com](mailto:marianne.morris@ttc-teslin.com)  
PHONE: 867-390-2532 ext. 344  
Or deliver them in person to the TTC main admin office in Teslin or Whitehorse office.

## Lands Management Committee (LMC) members:

Whitney Horne - Dak'aweidi  
Delores Jackson - Deshitaan  
Lee Turner - Ishkeetaan  
Chris Fairclough - Kookhittaan  
Roseanne Douville - Yanyeidi

## Salmon

The post-season Yukon River Panel meeting was held in late January this year. The low number of salmon returning to Teslin was observed along much of the Yukon River last summer. A much lower number of salmon than what was expected made it to the Canadian border, for reasons that are not clearly identifiable. TTC still maintains that there is too much harvest occurring on the Alaskan side, however, there are other factors contributing to declines as well. These include climate change and disease. It is more important than ever to work to conserve the returning salmon to ensure that enough spawning occurs to maintain Chinook salmon into the future.

This year also experienced a devastating fall Chum return, putting further pressure on the system. TTC gave testimony at the YRP meeting, stressing the importance of improving the salmon agreement that protects these stocks, the importance of salmon to our local food security, and highlighting the value of our restoration projects to the health and resilience of our local stocks. The leadership and strength shown by Teslin Tlingit Citizens over the years of declining Chinook stocks continues to be strongly recognized along the river, and sets a clear example of the hard work that needs to be done to protect these fish.

The salmon restoration projects were scaled back this year to protect the Morley River spawners experiencing a poor return. Project activities such as aerial surveys and eDNA sampling to inform future restoration activities continued to be carried out, however. The Dept would like to recognize Environmental Dynamics Inc. staff for their hard work on these projects and for prioritizing the community's safety in their project planning and activities during an uncertain summer under COVID-19

## Moose/Caribou

It has been a hard year for moose and caribou on the highway in this area this year. There has been a large number hit and killed by vehicles over the winter months. Caribou herds have been consistently present through Squanga and Swift River areas, and the deep snow makes it more difficult for moose and caribou to get off of the road. When possible, meat is salvaged from animals killed by vehicles, so we appreciate timely reports of road-kills.

## Trapper Support

There was a significant interest in the Trapper Support Program this year – we are pleased to continue to support our Citizens commercial trapping activities, and recognize all of the hard work, and investment of time and money that goes into maintaining an active trapline. Although the funding program is completed for the year, we encourage local trappers to reach out to the department or the Game Guardians if you

would like assistance breaking trail, cutting lines, or the benefit of their experience with you on the trapline.

## Winter Safety

With the large amounts of snow early in the season and warmer weather, we have been hearing more reports of overflow on the lake and rivers. We would like to encourage everyone to take extra care this winter when traveling on or near water. Carry the appropriate safety equipment with you, including an emergency communication device, and when possible do not travel alone. We wish you safe and enjoyable time on the land this winter.

## Foxes

We have been receiving an increasing number of reports concerning the behaviour of foxes in the community. It is clear that many of the local foxes are being fed, as they are proving to be very comfortable approaching people. This poses risks to community members, including kids at the school, and ultimately results in the need to relocate or destroy the animal. This is never the ideal situation. The Game Guardians and the local CO have begun trapping a group of four foxes to relocate them in hopes of giving them a new start to live as wild animals. Please remember that feeding wildlife is not helping wildlife. If you have concerns about the wellbeing of a wild animal, contact the local Game Guardians or the Yukon TIPP line to arrange the appropriate care for that animal. We thank community members for reporting their concerns to us, and for supporting the health and safety of resident wildlife in the future.

# Lands & Resources photos



**Left:** Collecting water samples to analyze for eDNA to determine presence of Chinook salmon in tributaries of the Swift and Morley river watersheds.

**Middle:** Picking a site for instream incubation on the Nisutlin River. This will help to inform natural survival of eggs in different rivers, and provide more information for the Deadman Creek restoration plan.

**Bottom:** A resident fox at a local gas station.



Jordan's Principle makes sure all First Nations children living in Canada can access the products, services and supports they need, when they need them.

In Yukon, many households throughout territory had been gifted food! Families received 'From the Ground Up' vegetable boxes, ground Bison, canned and whole salmon! Turkeys were donated and handed out to families prior to Thanksgiving!

Thank you all who took action in helping families through these trying days! Thank you to the Jordyn's Principle program, organizers and volunteers!

# Health & Social Programs

## **Prenatal Program Update: December/January**

December and January have been very busy months. In December, I helped with all the activities the Health and Social Department offered and delivered; All Staff - Monthly Lunch, Community Christmas Dinner, and Jordon's Principal Christmas Food Hampers as well as the Prenatal Baby Hampers for the six pre-natal moms that are currently signed up.

Due to Covid- 19 Restrictions there was no in house programming however, I was able to continue to support and help the moms by providing Home Visits, Doing a brown bag lunch and delivering to the six prenatal moms and dads, I hosted a Social Distance, CDC- (Child Development Center) Lunch at the long house, I had the opportunity to meet 4 Child Development staff we were able to quickly over the lunch hour meet discuss future programming and what they provide and offer through CDC.

I held a Meet and Greet Tea for the prenatal moms to have the opportunity for them to get together and meet the newborns and each other.

I would like to take the opportunity and Congratulate Daniel Smarch and Michelle Fox on the birth of their new baby girl - Makita Joanne Fox born October 17, 2020.

I as well would like to Congratulate William (Ash) Sydney and Jodi Jules on the birth of their new baby boy - Sage Conrad Sydney November 11, 2020

Other programming for the Month of January included; Meal Boxes - purchased and delivered ingredients to make a spaghetti dinner, garlic toast and ceaser salad for each Prenatal Mom and Family, Baby Blanket Making, Baby Food Making, and Energy Ball Making for the Mom's/Dad's, as well as the Walking Club.

**I would like to let everyone know effective immediately that the Prenatal Program will now extend all Monthly Programming for children 0-5 years of age prenatal, post-natal, infant and toddlers.**

I welcome any suggestions and activities you may wish to see offered, and I will do my best to include in our upcoming monthly calanders. If you wish to attend Programming, I am requesting that you sign up with me a week in advance, so I am able to obtain the required supplies needed, for the specific activity. I can be reached at (867) 390-2532 ext. 371.

Thank-You

Laura Nolan

(Interim) Prenatal Co-ordinator

## **Home Support**

The Health and Social Development Department provides home-based support services in Teslin for Elders and other individuals that may need supports. The program assists individuals to live comfortably in their homes, and provides assistance to family members.

Home Support Workers visit Elder's homes regularly to help with basic housekeeping, cleaning, retrieving

mail, banking and shopping. Maintenance work is also available through the TTC Capital & Infrastructure Elders Program.

Transportation is provided to appointments in Whitehorse and may also provide escorts for medical travel outside of the territory (restrictions may apply). **Subject to Covid-19 safety protocols**

## **Meals on Wheels**

The Meals on Wheels program promotes healthy nutrition, this includes helping citizens by way of delivering healthy cooked meals. The program is available for Elders, individuals with disabilities, expectant or new mothers, and other residents of community as necessary.

## **Contact for services:**

Visit the TTC Health and Social Department for more information;

Home Support Worker at 867-390-2532 ext. 385

Meals on Wheels Coordinator at 867-390-2532 ext. 387

Health Case worker at ex. 383

## WHAT:

TTC takes great pride in providing programs and services to its citizens and the community of Teslin. Running an effective and efficient government takes funds. One way that TTC obtains funds is through Personal Income Tax (PIT). TTC has an Income Tax sharing agreement with both Canada and Government of Yukon. This means that 95% of the income tax paid to the federal or territorial government by individuals, both Citizens and non-Citizens, living on TTC Settlement Land will be collected by TTC.

TTC in turn, will give individuals residing on settlement land and having paid income tax, 10% of their Yukon First Nation portion of their income tax payment through the Residency Grant Initiative.

## WHO

- Have your primary residence on TTC Settlement Land on December 31st,
- Have taxable income,
- Complete and submit your tax return to CRA (Canada Revenue Agency) indicating that you live on TTC Settlement Land,
- To indicate to CRA you live on TTC Settlement Land you must complete the Yukon First Nation information box on your income tax return form and enter TTC's identification number 11011.

## HOW

**Apply for the Residency Grant at TTC Finance Department before September 30.**

Once you receive your Revenue Canada Tax Assessment, provide this to TTC Finance Department, with your application for the Residency grant, on or before September 30th. Your tax assessment identifies the amount of income tax you paid for the First Nation Tax.

You will receive a Residency Grant cheque from TTC by December 21.

**ANYONE living on TTC Settlement Land. They need to let their Tax Preparers know to check the " yes" box on their 2020 Income Tax Returns and enter TTC's #11011.**

This will result in some of their Tax money coming back to TTC of which they'll get 10%. If there is an amount recorded on line 432 of their tax return. This info will be NEEDED for the Sept 30th Residency Grant Application later in the year.

NOT sure if you're on settlement land? To see if you're on the list of entitled applicants?

For more information Contact Bernie Morris @ Ext: 341 OR Darryl Kremer @ Ext:343.

# Heritage Centre Workshops



The TTC Heritage department thanks all the instructors, participants and supports of our recent programming the last few months.

It has been great to see that so many people have interest and great creativity.

- Canvas Tops
- Bed Roll Covers
- Canvas Bags
- Fur Hats
- Moccasins
- Mittens
- Earrings

Gunalchish to our very talented instructors!

- Tim Dewhurst Sr
  - Minnie Clark
  - Charles Jules
  - Delores Jackson
  - Rayven Svenson
- Thank-you to all the participants, these programs would not have continued without you!



For TTC Whitehorse Citizens

## Moccasin Workshop with Delores Jackson

February 2021  
16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Workshop will take place at the  
TTC Whitehorse  
Office



To sign up, contact:  
Corrine Johnston @ 867-  
390-2532 ext: 333 or  
[Corrine.johnston@ttc-teslin.com](mailto:Corrine.johnston@ttc-teslin.com)





Happy Valentine's Day!

Firstly, I would like to extend my gratitude and appreciation to the Heritage Department for offering such wonderful teachings to the community, not only hosting the workshops, but providing all the material.

I took the Fur Hat, Bed Roll, Canvas Back Pack, the Moccasin Workshops, I thought that each workshop was a great way to get out of my comfort zone and daily routine of going to work, then straight home. Not only, did I learn new amazing teaching from amazing teachers, people got to take home what they made; I found the best part of the course was the laughter, stories and memories shared with each group. You learn to value each item created, because you know the hard work that goes into them.

Attending all of these, has inspired me to continue sewing and learning. I really encourage community members to sign up for these course, such a wonderful way to spend some winter nights – Good company, good tea, GREAT teachings.

I would like to thank

Charles Jules – Fur Hat Instructor  
(November 2020)

Timmy Dewhurst – Bedroll &  
Canvas Backpack Instructor  
(November & December 2020)

Minnie Clark – Moccasin  
Instructor (January 2021)

Thank you all! Valerie

*Making these backpacks with Timmy was such a great day. We had some good laughs and good conversations. Timmy is very good at explaining how to make these and I was honored to be able to have the opportunity to learn from him.*

*Thanks - Jari*

Sewing moccasins with M.Clark

“It has been an amazing experience for me to do this workshop with Minnie Clark, this is my very first time ever to make slippers. Sewing and beading is very addicting once you get into it, Im already working on my second pair of slippers and now I just don’t want to stop. I would like encourage the adults and the younger generation to take the time to learn to make slippers, fur hats, bed rolls, and other work shops that are being put on. There’s a saying i got told “ If you know how to sew you will never be stuck”

Ray

*Fur Hat Sewing*

*I would like to thank TTC Heritage center for hosting a number of short course’s for citizens to sign up and attend. I had a class of 6-7 students who worked on fur hat making. This was a fun time to hang out and tell stories, share some laughs and sew some projects. The class took part on various nights of the week either at the Long House or the Heritage. Youth had sewing sessions as well. The fur hat course had so many participants as seating was limited like every other course.*

*Students enjoyed making various items in each course that was held. Thanks to Minnie Clark for Moccasin and Canvas top making. Tim Dewhurst for Canvas Back-pack and Bed-roll making as well. Raven Svendsen hosted drop in sewing with ear ring making. Delores Jackson hosted rabbit fur mittens as well. Thanks again TTC for hosting these workshops. These are on-going to help preserve the ways of the Deslin Tlingit. Here are some words from the citizens who attended the various courses.*

# PRACTISE SAFETY

## 1. Keep your distance.

If you need to get close, respect others' boundaries, ask before moving closer.

- \* avoid handshakes, hugs, snicks
- \* Avoid crowded areas/places - stores
- \* limit visits with vulnerable people - Elders, babies, people with higher risk or in poor health

## 2. Keep your hands clean

Wash your hands often. There are more ways you can keep your hands clean:

- \* use hand sanitizer (with at least about 70% alcohol)
- \* avoid touching things/face
- \* cough and sneeze into elbow
- \* clean shared surfaces

## 3. Feeling under the weather? Stay home

Even if you feel you could power through the day, do not. When you stay home, you protect others and allow Yukoners to carry on and stay healthy. You should stay home if you have any of the

following symptoms:

- \* fever or chills
- \* cough
- \* shortness of breath
- \* runny nose
- \* sore throat
- \* headache
- \* fatigue (not because you stayed up late)
- \* loss of appetite
- \* nausea/vomiting
- \* diarrhea
- \* muscle aches

**\* Use the online COVID-19 self assessment tool or call local health centre to see if you should get tested for COVID-19\***

## 4. Avoid crowds

Less is more when it comes to group gatherings. Unless someone's in your social bubble, no close talking when you meet. For all gatherings, keep 6 feet apart (2 meters) between you and any one else who is not in your social bubble;

- \* indoor gatherings - limit your group to 10 people (10 is the limit, even if your bubble is 15)
- \* outdoor gatherings - 50 people limit
- \* organized indoor gatherings - limit to 50 people
- \* organized outdoor gatherings - limit to 100 people

**\* Read more on gathering guidelines at [yukon.ca/covid](http://yukon.ca/covid) \***

## 5. Travel - respect others.

**Get to know each other. Same place, new norm**

Consider the risk before travelling between communities. Follow guidelines. It is about respecting everyone's comfort levels. Yukon First Nation communities and governments have travel advisories; if a community or First Nation government has not issued an advisory, travel responsibly and follow all covid guidelines.

## 6. Self-isolate if necessary

**Be creative with ways to stay connected.**

No need to be lonely, even if you are alone. Keep in touch with the outside world while you are inside. Video chat, telephone or even write a letter. It is communicating without touching. You must self-isolate if:

- \* you have just arrived in or returned to Yukon (some exceptions)
  - \* you've been in contact with someone diagnosed with Covid
  - \* you're waiting on covid test results
- You do not need to self-isolate if you are a resident

of:

- \* Atlin
- \* Lower post
- \* Fireside
- \* Jade City
- \* Fraser
- \* Pleasant Camp
- \* nearby First Nations

**\*Critical workers arriving in Yukon must follow guidelines for critical services\***

**\* Read more on self-isolation at [yukon.ca/covid](http://yukon.ca/covid) \***

Sleeves up, Yukon. The future is looking bright.

A safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine has arrived in Yukon and suddenly there's light on the horizon.

Vaccine clinics have now begun in some rural Yukon communities and limited clinics have started in Whitehorse.

## COVID-19 Vaccine Information

### Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine

#### (mRNA-1273 SARS-CoV-2 vaccine)

How does the Moderna vaccine protect against COVID-19?

- The vaccine causes our body to produce protection (such as antibodies) to help keep us from becoming sick if we are exposed to the COVID-19 virus. The vaccine uses a new method called messenger RNA (mRNA) to help our body protect itself from the virus.

Who can and cannot receive the COVID-19 vaccine at this time?

- If you have any symptoms that could be due to COVID-19, you should not go out to get vaccinated because you could spread the infection to others. Talk with your health-care provider, or call 811 about your symptoms and getting a COVID-19 test. Your health-care provider will advise you if and when you are able to receive the vaccine.

Tell the health-care provider if:

- You have fainted or felt faint after receiving past vaccines or medical

procedures.

Your health-care provider may recommend that you receive the vaccine lying down to prevent fainting.

- You have a bleeding disorder or are taking medication that could affect blood clotting.

This information will help the health-care provider prevent bleeding or bruising from the needle.

*\* Polyethylene glycol (PEG) can rarely cause allergic reactions and is found in products such as medications, bowel preparation products for colonoscopy, laxatives, cough syrups, cosmetics, skin creams, medical products used on the skin and during operations, toothpaste, contact lenses and contact lens solution. PEG also can be found in foods or drinks, but is not known to cause allergic reactions from foods or drinks.*

What are the risks of the vaccine? In a large study, half of the people who received the Moderna vaccine were monitored for at least two months and no serious side effects have been found to date. People who have received the vaccine in studies continue to be monitored for any longer-term side effects. Side effects can develop within a day or two after receiving the vaccine. Although these side effects are not serious to your health, they may make you feel unwell for about one to three days; they will go away on their own. These types of side effects are expected and can indicate the vaccine is working to produce protection.

In the study, side effects included one or more of the following:

pain, redness or swelling where the needle was given, tiredness, headache, muscle pain, joint pain, nausea/vomiting, chills, fever or enlarges lymph nodes (swollen glands) in the underarm.

*Allergic reactions can rarely occur after receiving a vaccine. Symptoms of an allergic reaction include hives (bumps on the skin that are often very itchy), swelling of your face, tongue or throat, or difficulty breathing. The clinic staff are prepared to manage an allergic reaction should it occur. Seek immediate medical care if you develop any of these symptoms.*

What should I do before coming to the clinic?

- Wear a short-sleeve shirt or top with sleeves that are easy to roll up.
- To prevent feeling faint while being vaccinated, have something to eat before coming to the clinic.
- Bring your mask.
- Bring any identification required by the clinic, such as your health card.
- Bring your immunization record with you and/or download the CANImmunize app to keep track of this and other vaccines.
- You will be provided with a paper COVID-19 Immunization Record.

To learn more, visit:

<https://yukon.ca/en/moderna-vaccine-information>



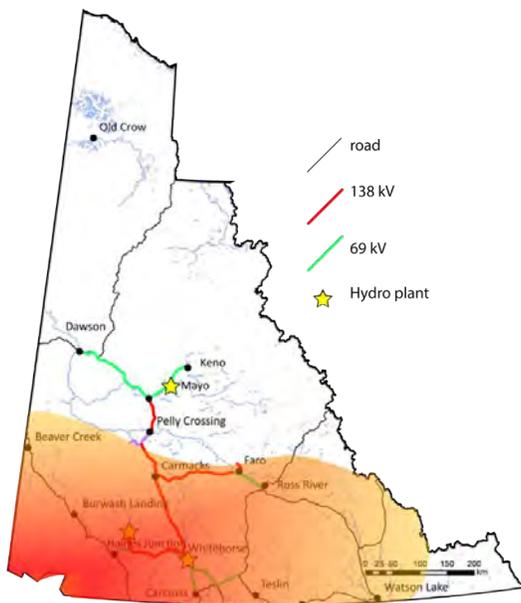
## Collaborative Study: Geothermal Energy Potential of the Teslin Fault

We are pleased to announce the initiation of discussions between Teslin Tlingit Council and the Yukon Geological Survey



(Government of Yukon) on a one-year collaborative study on the geothermal resource potential near the community of Teslin. The proposed project would begin in spring 2022 and be completed by spring 2023.

With our rapidly changing climate, it is imperative that we reduce our reliance on fossil fuels. In other countries, geothermal energy has proven to be a clean, reliable and sustainable form of renewable energy. Since 2016, the Yukon Geological Survey (YGS) has been conducting research on the geothermal potential for Yukon and has discovered that the southern part of the Territory may be prospective for geothermal resources.



### What is geothermal energy?

Geothermal energy is the thermal energy (heat) that is generated and stored in the Earth. This heat can potentially be harnessed for direct heating or electricity generation. The Earth's crust (the outer rocky part) is heated mainly by the natural

radioactive decay of certain elements, as well as through the ascent of magma (molten rock) from deep below the earth's surface.

Geothermal resources require three elements: heat, water and fractures. Our current research shows that Teslin is situated in that part of the Yukon that has potential for a higher-than-average heat flow. Furthermore, adjacent to the community and running underneath Teslin Lake is a major fault – a zone of deep fractures in the Earth's crust. This has been mapped as the Teslin fault zone.

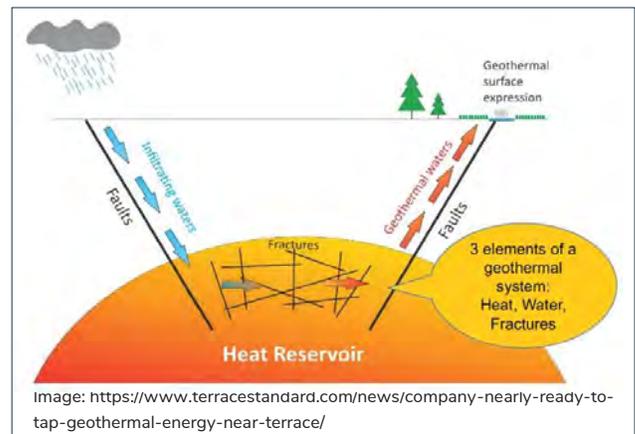


Image: <https://www.terracestandard.com/news/company-nearly-ready-to-tap-geothermal-energy-near-terrace/>

Recent funding acquired by YGS has created an opportunity for this collaborative research, which will assess the geothermal energy potential along the Teslin fault system near the community of Teslin.

Beginning in the spring of 2022, and over the span of one year, program activities will include very low impact geophysical surveys and targeted field mapping to identify favourable locations along the Teslin fault where there might be increased permeability and thus the potential for geothermal heat (hot water or steam) to reach the surface. The ultimate goal of this project is to identify one or more targets for drilling temperature gradient (TG) wells in the future that can directly measure temperatures at depth. Note: drilling of TG wells is beyond the scope of this project.

Watch for upcoming information sheets to learn more about geothermal energy, its various uses, and details on the geothermal potential near Teslin.

For more information on the project, please contact: [Leyla.Weston@yukon.ca](mailto:Leyla.Weston@yukon.ca)





is inviting covering letters & resumes for  
**Assistant Finance Director**

This is a 6-Month Term full time position (with possibility of extension)

Reporting to the Director of Finance, the Assistant Director is responsible for assisting with budget preparation, monitoring and reporting on budgetary performance, analysing performance and making recommendations for improvement, ensuring appropriate controls are in place, leading the coordination of the annual audit process, leading activities associated with tax reporting and supporting relevant financial training activities across TTC.

**Job Knowledge & Main Duties**

- **Financial Planning and Performance:**
  - Establish/maintain processes, procedures and controls to ensure budget, and tax compliance
  - work with Senior Managers in departmental financial activities, taxation policies and strategies, cash flow, and accessing financial resources and capacity
- **Strategic Planning:**
  - assist in development of departmental annual goals and objectives to inform development of the annual workplan, and monitor and follow-up on action items
  - operationalize plans for cash management, investment of funds, negotiation for borrowing funds and administration of loan repayment
- **Policy, Procedure, Legislation and Regulations:**
  - attend bi-weekly senior finance management meetings, and Board Meetings
  - familiar with financial policies, procedures, applicable legislation and regulations and consult with Director on development of policies and procedures
- **Control Systems:**
  - identify management information needs and lead use of financial accounting control systems
  - lead annual audit requirements
- **Working cooperatively and mentoring staff in other TTC Departments:**
  - develop/present financial workshops on finance procedures and policies
  - improve financial systems in department
- **Negotiations – Attendance and Preparation of information:**
  - Financial Transfer Agreement, banking/contribution agreements and reporting requirements
- **Education/Experience/Knowledge:**
  - Professional accounting designation and minimum of 4 years' work experience
  - financial planning/audit preparation/analytical capability/supervisory experience
  - general office practices and procedures
  - planning, managing, organizing, and controlling financial programs
  - TTC agreements and self-government plans
- **Skills:**
  - Management: negotiation, conflict resolution, human resources, accuracy, time management, ability to multi-task
  - Interpersonal: willingness to learn/share, excellent oral and written skills, work in a team, maintain confidentiality, cross cultural awareness
  - Equipment/Software: Microsoft/Excel/ACCPAC, facsimile/photocopier/phone/calculator
- **Positions Supervised:** Finance staff in collaboration with Director of Finance
- **Working Conditions:** Critical deadlines, and travel 15-25 days per year
- **Conditions of Employment:** Class 5 Driver's License, and willing to work occasional evenings/weekends

For more information and job description, please call Desiree Jones @ 867.390.2532 Ext 317

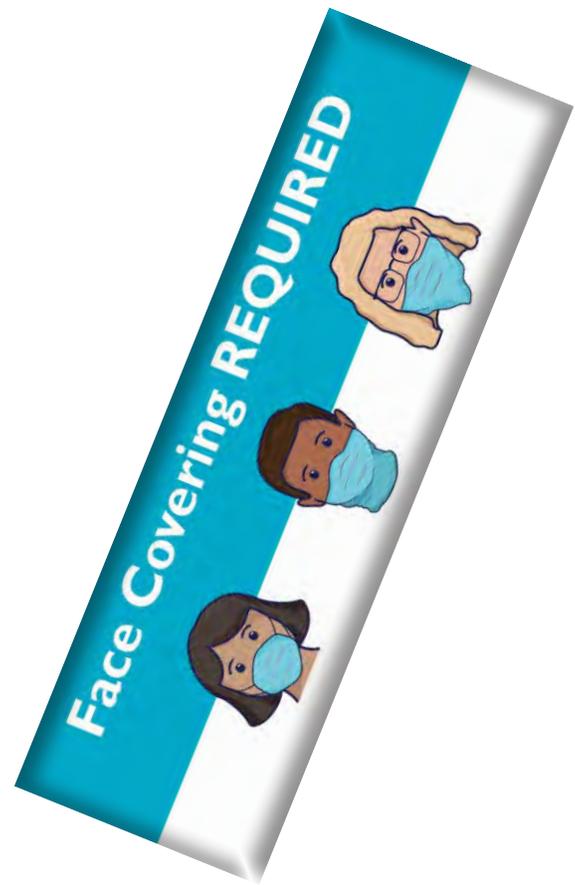
Please quote the job title in the subject line of your email, fax and/or cover letter:

Workforce Development  
Teslin Tlingit Council  
Box 133  
Teslin, Yukon Y0A 1B0  
f. 867.390.2176  
[humanresources@ttc-teslin.com](mailto:humanresources@ttc-teslin.com)

**Closing Date: Monday, February 25, 2021**  
**\*\* no later than 4pm \*\***

TTC's Hiring Policy will be in effect.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
[www.ttc-teslin.com](http://www.ttc-teslin.com)



Teslin residents

Yukon

# Book your COVID-19 vaccine appointment

A vaccine clinic will be held:

March 1, 2021  
9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Location:

Teslin Recreation  
Complex

To get your COVID-19 vaccine, book an appointment online at [yukon.ca/this-is-our-shot](http://yukon.ca/this-is-our-shot).

If you need help booking, call 1-877-374-0425.

**Things to know before you come to your appointment:**

- Bring your Yukon health-care card or proof of Yukon residency
- Wear a loose-fitting or short-sleeved shirt
- You'll be asked to wait 15 minutes after you get the vaccine



# Inland Creations



**Inland Creations**  
Box 294 Teslin, Y.T, Y0A-1B0  
(867)-334-2476



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# Honouring OUR FUTURE

Yukon First Nations Graduation Regalia

**JANUARY 26 – APRIL 30, 2021**

Hudę Njú Kú Gallery  
Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre

Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre, Dawson City  
MAY–AUGUST 2021

Haa Shagóon Hídi, Carcross  
SEPTEMBER–DECEMBER 2021

John Tizya Centre, Old Crow  
JANUARY–APRIL 2022

Da Kų Cultural Centre, Haines Junction  
MAY–AUGUST 2022

Teslin Tlingit Heritage Centre,  
Teslin  
MAY–AUGUST 2023



*This dress  
made by  
Ellenise Profeit  
with support from  
family and friends  
for Sarah Telep,  
who is a 2019 graduate  
and member of the  
Ta'an Kwäch'an Council.*

*Allistair Maitland Photography*

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# Congratulations

## Darcy Dewhurst - Yukon Government Highways and Public Works Winner of the "Naats Tlaa Award" 2020

Darcy is a member of Teslin Tlingit Council. He excelled in leadership and public service.

Darcy worked for the Department of Highways and Public Works at the Teslin Grader Station for the past 26 years as a Heavy Equipment Operator II, and recently retired this past July.

He excelled at operating all pieces of equipment and helped rebuild roads in the Carcross, Watson Lake, Campbell Highway and Carmacks areas. During the winter season, he took great care to ensure the highway was kept accessible and safe for all travellers. Despite the

unpredictable weather conditions, he always knew the wisest way to maintain the highway.

Darcy took pride in his work, and it showed. He took no shortcuts and ensured that every job was done to the best of his ability. He could often be found on remote sections of the highway still performing his finest work, needing no audience.

Darcy always shared best practices, tips and tricks. He was generous in sharing his knowledge and encouraged those who were just learning. His true leadership stands out in this area.



Congratulations to my Hubby, so proud of you! You went through tons of 6ams, thermos of coffee and long dusty days, So happy for your retirement and our next stage of our lives!

Love you! Lisa, Adrienne and John



## Student Education Financial Assistance Deadline

For all Teslin Tlingit Council Citizens interested in attending a spring/summer semester from May to August 2021 at a recognized post-secondary institution

Applications will be accepted no later than 5:00pm Yukon Time on March 15, 2021

Late applications will be deferred to the next intake in May 2021

**APPLY EARLY!**

*Applications will be marked "pending" if acceptance letter unavailable*



Please email, mail, or fax applications to:  
TTC Community Skills Development Manager  
Teslin Tlingit Council

Box 133, Teslin YT, Y0A 1B0

Phone: 867-390-2532 ext: 318/Fax: 867-390-2176

Email: [carlene.hycha@ttc-teslin.com](mailto:carlene.hycha@ttc-teslin.com)

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**TAKE OUT MENU**

**BREAKFAST (Till 11am)**

Breakfast Sandwich  
Bacon, 2 eggs & Cheddar Cheese \$10.00

Comes with Hashbrowns & Toast  
3 Bacon, 2 Eggs or Ham & 2 Eggs \$11.95  
Mushroom & Cheese Omelete \$12.95  
Ham & Cheese Omelete \$13.95

**Lunch ( 11am - 5pm)**

Cheese Burger and Fries \$17.95  
Fries \$6.00

All served with a Home made bun  
Home made SOUP \$10.00  
Home made STEW \$13.95  
Home made CHILI \$12.95

Sandwiches - Roast Beef, Ham or Tuna \$10.00  
(lettuce, tomato, cheese, onions, mayo, mustard)  
Make it a soup and sandwich combo \$17.95

**Call ahead and place your order!**

**1(867) 390-2607**

# Announcements

## Community Liaison & Communication Officer

The CLCO is accountable for serving as the main point of contact between YG & the community regarding major projects in the community & for providing local knowledge & coordination to ensure maximum benefits to local businesses & potential workers, all of which has an economic impact on community residents.

The CLCO will work in partnership with YG's project liaison workers, Canada's project liaison workers, construction managers, the Teslin Tlingit Council (TTC) & citizens, the Village of Teslin (VOT) & residents, and the Deisleen Development Corporation (DDC).

Marianne Morris - CLCO

Teslin Tlingit Council

Work: (867) 390 – 2532 EXT: 344

Cell: (403) 427 – 4222

Email: marianne.morris@ttc-teslin.com

Please contact me for any questions or concerns.

I look forward to working with everyone.



## Deisleen Development Corporation

### CALL FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Deisleen Development Corporation is currently accepting applications from interested individuals to fill vacancies on our Board of Directors

The Board is intended to reflect a diversity of experience, skills, knowledge and abilities suited to the strategic needs of the DDC. Interested individuals are invited to submit a short biography indicating their interest and experience:

- electronically to deisleendevcorp@gmail.com;
- by mail to P.O. Box 190, Teslin, YT
- or drop off at DDC office #6 Fox Street, Teslin, YT **by 4:00 pm. On Monday, February 22nd, 2021.**

To learn more about our organization please visit [ddc-teslin.com](http://ddc-teslin.com)



### Capital & Infrastructure NUMBERS:

**HOUSING ON CALL 24/7** **1-867-334-6957**

- **TTC Rental Units Only \*\***

**Dan Morin – Property Manager** **1-867-335-6572**

- **TTC Government Buildings and Rental unit issues \*\***

**Chad Laverdure – Sawmill Manager** **1-867-384-0151**

- **Sawmill Capital Yard (LTF) \*\***

**Rodrick Dewhurst – Biomass Manager** **1-867-334-8949**

- **Heating issues, boilers or furnaces only \*\***

**Travis Wolfe – Light Duty Mechanic** **1-867-334-3720**

- **TTC vehicle issues, oil change, tires, etc. \*\***



## TTC CONTRACTORS

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**ka**  
**k'idéin yaa gagú!**

(keep calm & carry on)

### CHANGE OF DATE NOTICE for TTC Contractor Invoicing

As of **April 14, 2021** Invoice Intake will be every other Tuesday

Sun	Mon	Tues NEW Invoice Intake date As of April 14, 2021	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs Same Pay date	Fri	Sat

Gunałshéech for your co-operation and understanding as we develop better management systems

## Birthday/Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to **Roslyne** for Jan.22nd, Happy 28th

Happy Birthday to **Cole** for Jan.31st. Happy 22nd Birthday

Wishing you both all the Best and many more with Love from Mom, family and friends.

Birthday wishes to my daughter **Berdina** & grandson **Toosis Hager** a very happy Birthday for Feb 8/21 Lots lov Mom, Grandma and Dashitaan clan

Happy Birthday **George Ned Sidney**, Jan. 30/21

Love you very much from mom, Howard, Emily, Bianca and Mia

Happy Birthday to **Stefanie Sidney**, Feb. 6/21

Love Aunty Jody, Uncle Howard, Emily, Bianca, Mia and George

Happy Birthday to **Iris Johnny**, Feb. 3/21

Love Jody, Howard, Emily, Bianca and Mia

A very special Happy Birthday on February 18 to **Qiarrah Johnston**

Happy Sweet 16

Love Mom & Family

Happy 19th Birthday to **Leigha Douville** Love from Mon, Dad, and Sissy Grace.

Happy 29th Birthday to my Goddaughter **Reanne Lillian Sydney** love you so much babes!!! Love always your Fairy Godmother and Max (woof woof)

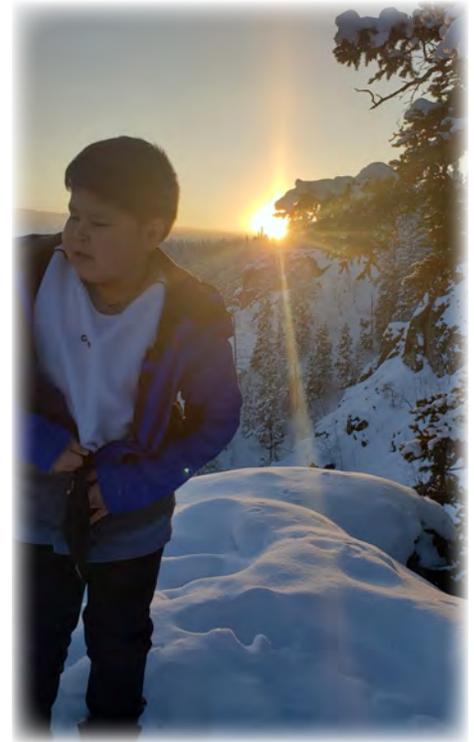
Happy Birthday to all the **January Babies** lots a love and blessing from Martina and Max (woof woof)

Happy Birthday **Tammy Smith** on Feb.2nd, 2021

With Love from All your Family and Friends. Wishing you all the Best for 2021.

Happy Birthday **March babies Emily & Mia!** Love Grandma Jody & Grandpa Howard!

I would Like to wish this Handsome Little Deshitaan Man **Ryver Minet** a happy 10th Birthday for March 4th. With so much Love from Mom, Dad and Brother! We Love you to the moon and back my Boy.



## Nation Rebuilding Virtual Community Engagement Event

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021

More details coming soon!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
PLEASE CONTACT:**

Line Gagnon,  
Nation Rebuilding Coordinator:  
[lline@calypsocommunications.ca](mailto:lline@calypsocommunications.ca)  
**867-336-2468** or contact  
[admin@guntabusiness.com](mailto:admin@guntabusiness.com).

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## Deslin Neek

The voice of the  
Teslin Tlingit Council  
Issue 61 February 2021

## Teslin Tlingit Council



Deslin Neek welcomes comments, submissions, letters and photographs. We are also available for community announcements and promotions through free advertising. Please note, we reserve the right to edit submissions for accuracy, length and relevance.

This newsletter aims to inform Citizens about what is happening in your Government. Get in touch, let us know what you would like to see included.

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Thanks to all those who submitted photos for this issue. As there were too many to name we would still like to Thank you all. Please keep them coming in.

### Attention TTC Citizens

TTC continues to update its  
Citizen Mailing Addresses, Email  
Addresses and phone numbers.

If any of your contact information  
has changed and you would like  
TTC to have it, please email  
Reception@ttc-teslin.com or call  
867-390-2532 ext 300



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